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1. THE "JAMAICA NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE" (JNPC)
PREPARING JAMAICA'S DELEGATION TO THE 11TH WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL IN HAVANA (WYF) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS 160-STRONG
DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, VARIOUS CULTURAL
GROUPS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL DANCE THEATRE COMPANY.
THE JAMAICAN THEME WILL BE AIMED AT POINTING OUT "EXPLOITATION
OF OUR BAUXITE", AND GENERAL OPPOSITION TO THE IMF AND THE
RECENT IMF LOAN AGREEMENT WITH JAMAICA.

2. THE ORGANIZERS HAVE BEEN STUNG BY CRITICISM APPEARING
IN THE DAILY GLEANER AND ELSEWHERE THAT THIS DELEGATION IS
A WASTE OF MONEY AND THAT THE FESTIVAL IS A "GATHERING
OF COMMUNISTS". LEFTIST HUGH SMALL, MINISTER OF YOUTH
AND SPORTS, VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED JAMAICAN PARTICIPATION
AT A PRESS CONFERENCE: "IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL JAMAICANS
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WHO SUPPORT PEACE IN THE WORLD AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG YOUTH
TO COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF JAMAICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
11TH WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS". ... SPEAKING
ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF
THE AREAS CRITICIZED BY THE MEDIA, THE MINISTER SAID
THAT THE FESTIVAL WAS STRUCTURED IN SUCH A WAY THAT
QUESTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD ARISE DURING BROAD DISCUSSIONS

ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, EDUCATION,
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